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When home isn't necessarily safe

Southwest Michigan domestic violence organizations brace for uptick in cases

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

PAW PAW — Though residents of Michigan have been ordered to stay home and stay safe, home isn't always a safe place for some.

"Historically, I've been doing this for 11 years, cases of domestic violence increase when people are home," Melanie Hooker, executive director of the Van Buren County Domestic Violence Coalition, said. "Long holiday weekends, the weekend between Christmas and New Year's, Fourth of July and any big alcohol-drinking holiday."

She said since Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order early last week, the organization hasn't had that many people reach out for help.

"That's surprising to me because all of the circumstances are there," Hooker said. "People are in closer proximity than they might usually be, there are layoffs and financial strain, and the kids are home."

But Hooker, and Salena Jonjevic, supervisor at the Cora Lamping Center, which helps survivors of sexual and domestic abuse in Berrien County, agree that it's just a matter of time before they see an uptick.

"The longer the stay-at-home order is in place, I do think we will see that increase," Jonjevic said. "I think right now people are more worried about the virus, and what that can do to protect themselves from that, than their own current situation."

So the organizations stand ready to help.

With all the circumstances now there for an increase in cases of domestic violence, Hooker said the coalition has its response team of 27 volunteers active to help people in a moments notice.

She said they are available 24/7 and any call made to the domestic violence coalition comes straight to her.

"We do intake over the phone and have it set up so we can work

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OutCenter moves online

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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BENTON HARBOR — Even before the stay-at-home order was issued early last week, a Benton Harbor nonprofit was working to protect a vulnerable population in the community.

"We understand the need for urgency because some of us lived through the AIDS pandemic and witnessed the horrible results," said Mary Jo Schnell, executive director of the OutCenter of Southwest Michigan.

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Up to 200K U.S virus deaths predicted

By MATT SEDENSKY and MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The coronavirus outbreak could kill 100,000 to 200,000 Americans, the U.S. government's top infectious-disease expert warned on Sunday as smoldering hot spots in nursing homes and a growing list of stricken cities heightened the sense of dread across the country.

Faced with that grim projection the possibility and that even more could die in the U.S. without measures to keep people away from each other, President Donald Trump extended federal guidelines recommending people stay home for another 30 days until the end of April to prevent spread of the virus.

Trump's extension of the original 15-day guidelines was a stark reversal just days after he suggested restarting the economy in about two weeks and came after Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, made the dire prediction of fatalities, adding that millions in the U.S. could become infected.

By evening, the U.S. had over 139,000 infections and 2,400 deaths, according to the running tally kept by Johns Hopkins University, though the true number of cases is thought to be considerably higher because of testing shortages and mild illnesses that have gone unreported.

Worldwide, more than 710,000 infections were reported, and deaths topped 33,000, half of them in Italy and Spain, where hospitals are swamped and the health system is at the breaking point.

New York state – where the death toll closed in on 1,000, up by more than 200 from the day before – remained the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak, with the vast majority of the deaths in New York City. But spikes in infections were recorded around the country, not only in metropolitan areas but in Midwestern towns and Rocky Mountain ski havens.

"This is not going to get better soon," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

The virus is moving fast through nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other places that house elderly or otherwise vulnerable people, spreading "like fire through dry grass," Cuomo said.

New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio asked the federal

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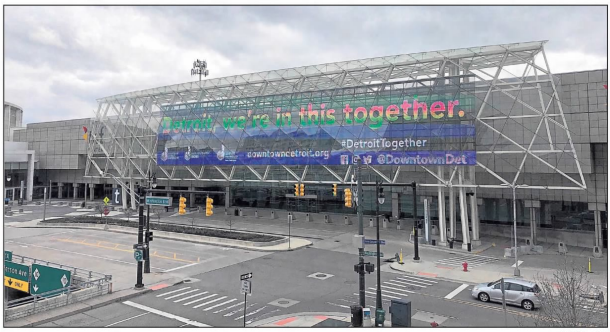
STRETCHING THEIR LEGS

Don Campbell / HP staff

Dog walkers and fishermen share the South Pier during an evening sunset this past week in St. Joseph as people look to get outdoors at a time when many businesses are closed.

Detroit convention center to become makeshift hospital amid 'dire situation'

By ED WHITE
Associated Press



Ed White / AP

TCF Center in Detroit is set to become a 900-bed hospital for coronavirus victims, the federal government said on Sunday.

DETROIT — A convention center in Detroit will be turned into a 900-bed hospital in response to the coronavirus, the federal government said Sunday. Construction at TCF Center, formerly known as Cobo Center, will begin after contracts are wrapped up in 24 to 36 hours, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said. The June auto show has been canceled.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer swiftly agreed to use TCF Center. Michigan, especially Detroit and surrounding communities, has been one of the hardest-hit states. It had nearly 5,500 cases of the coronavirus by Sunday and 132 deaths. Detroit residents represent about 30 percent of cases.

"The dire situation in Detroit is getting worse by the minute," Whitmer said on CNN.

Henry Ford Health System said it had 507 patients at five hospitals as of Sunday morning, including 244 at its flagship hospital in Detroit. Beaumont Health, which has eight hospitals, said it was caring for more than 800 people with COVID-19, the illness caused by the virus.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death.

Victims

Family members said three clergymen have died from COVID-19.

Auxiliary Bishop Robert Smith Sr. and pastor Kevelin Jones, both from the Flint area, and pastor Myron Lett of Detroit were leaders in the

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In virus times, have Americans found a shared experience?

By TED ANTHONY
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A person looks at a phone as the sun sets, in Kansas City, Missouri on March 25.

As an uneasy March unspooled, as coronavirus dread descended upon the United States, it became commonplace — and, for public figures, quite practical – to point out how, unlike most major events in the 21st century, this was an unusually communal moment.

There is power and authority in invoking shared experience, whether it comes from the president ("We are all in this together"), the governor of New York ("Nobody's alone. We are all in the same situation") or a random Pittsburgh disc jockey ("Everybody's in the same boat").

Even while at odds, Americans crave shared experiences – an understandable yearning for a nation quilted together from an unlikely patchwork of backgrounds, traditions and beliefs. And shared adversity can unite people.

But as it unfolds before us, is this period actually that increasingly rare of things – a genuinely shared American experience, a touchpoint that touches all? In an age of fragmentation, what might that mean?

It's hardly news that many facets of American life have splintered in recent years – not only politically, but in an on-demand culture swimming in social-media echo chambers, endless news sources and confirmation biases around every corner.

Now, tens of millions of Americans are facing the same thing, yet in entirely different ways, and deliberately avoiding each other in the process. The unity that comes in the togetherness part of shared experience – as when so many people congregated in their own communities after 9/11 to mourn – is, for many, entirely absent. It's a contradiction: We, if a "we" is even possible in such a diverse republic, are experiencing this together – separately.

"What we've got is a situation where we're supposed to physically isolate, but we're socially, electronically connected in dramatically new ways," says Daniel F. Chambliss, a sociologist at Hamilton College in upstate New York. "The trick is, are they actually thinking of things in the same way?"

Almost certainly not, at least not yet. There is evidence so far – both philosophical and practical – that these disruptive times are not a mass uniter.

As of this weekend, cars with New York plates were being stopped in Rhode Island and their occupants directed into quarantine – hardly a we're-all-just-Americans moment. Some Midwesterners are upset that the coasts aren't isolating enough. In Pennsylvania, the less-affected west looks at the turnpike that crosses the state and wonders what's headed its way.

And that's only geography. Economic stress, too, dictates whether an experience is shared: Those isolating on a one-acre suburban property are facing different days than their fellow Americans in low-income housing or 40-story apartment buildings. For the homeless, living out a "quarantine" on the street is hardly a unifying moment.

The shared experience is not on a shared timeline, either. The saga is unfolding in very different stages in New York City than in Middlesboro, Kentucky or Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and that fact interrupts any shared experience even if self-isolation connects it.

At its heart, all this is supposed to be a feature of the United States, not a bug. There has always been a push-pull between regional and national. The notion of local and state identity coexisting with overall Americanness was explicitly baked into the country's founding documents.

But big events, at least in the era of mass media, have injected national experience everywhere. During World War II, stories delivered to Americans in newsreels, movies, network radio updates and news agency dispatches in local papers shaped an "American" view that saturated local ones.

That endured for decades as TV carried the nation through the Kennedy assassination, the Vietnam War and the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979-81. Dominant voices like Walter Cronkite's gave Americans a "that's the way it is" sensibility even as many were having vastly different experiences.

Today, though, a media illusion of togetherness – while comforting and useful in many instances – tends to group Americans more by specific experiences and political outlooks than by geography or an overall sense of national purpose.

"You're seeing local experiences where this is affecting 'my community,' but nationally my impression is that this is not something that is bringing us together as Americans living through this. Maybe in two weeks," says Jennifer Talarico, a psychology professor at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., who studies personal experiences of watershed public events.

"To identify a shared experience, there needs to be a community that shares that experience," she says. "Is it happening to 'us'? Is it happening to 'my' social group, 'my' people? If it's happening to 'my' people, I will talk about it in a certain way."

The "my people" part of that is dicey. Americans have always been drawn to single narratives; in some ways, this nation exists only because it told the story of its existence in its founding documents. In reality, though, there are just about as many storylines as there are Americans.

Italian novelist Francesca Melandri, in isolation in Rome after her nation's outbreak, published a letter in The Guardian on Friday aimed at fellow Europeans "from your future." It might as well have been written to Americans, too.

"We are now where you will be in a few days," she wrote. "That boat in which you'll be sailing in order to defeat the epidemic will not look the same to everyone, nor is it actually the same for everyone: It never was."

Perhaps, then, it is a paradox. For Americans, maybe the shared experience is realizing as this washes over us that while it may feel we're in similar straits, in fact this is a moment that is experienced differently depending on the eyes that see it.

The question, though, is whether that's useful in a moment that – just like everything about this 21st-century world – is a strange and surreal collection of fragments that resist real understanding.

Consider the words of Edna Register Boone of Mobile, Ala., who was 11 when the influenza pandemic hit as World War I was ending. She remembered those days in an oral history given to Alabama Public Health before she died in 2011.

"It brought families closer together. It brought our little town closer together because we all suffered losses, one way or the other," she said. "We were like a great big family, you might say."

That was 1918, when an American mass culture was just beginning to emerge. Today, just substitute the word "nation" for "our little town" and you'll see one place where the United States could end up by the time the first frost of autumn arrives.

LOTTERIES

Sunday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QC-5C-9H-2S-8S
Midday Daily 3
7-5-5
Midday Daily 4
3-3-8-4
Daily 3
8-3-5
Daily 4
9-4-1-4
Fantasy 5
01-07-17-29-32
Keno
04-06-10-11-12-13-14-17-18-31-36-39-41-51-55-57-61-62-68-70-75-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$113 million
Powerball jackpot
$170 million

Saturday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
07-40-48-55-66, Powerball: 11, Power Play: 2
Indiana
Cash 5
08-10-30-31-32
Cash4Life
21-26-35-58-59, Cash Ball: 3
Lotto Plus
12-15-17-18-43-44
Quick Draw Midday
02-04-05-13-15-21-27-28-32-42-44-45-49-50-56-59-71-74-78-80, BE: 13
Daily Three-Midday
5-4-6, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
6-0-0, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
9-4-9-0, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
0-1-5-5, SB: 6
Quick Draw Evening
01-18-20-21-37-40-41-43-44-46-47-48-52-58-59-62-64-66-71-74, BE: 40
Hoosier Lotto
03-23-34-38-41-43

Illinois
Lotto
03-04-16-23-49-50, Extra Shot: 16
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
17-22-33-34-42
Pick Three-Midday
4-1-5, Fireball: 4
Pick Three-Evening
0-2-4, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Midday
8-6-8-3, Fireball: 8
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Indiana urged to help fight Lake Michigan erosion

BEVERLY SHORES, Ind. (AP) — Leaders of several communities along Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline are calling on Gov. Eric Holcomb to declare a state of emergency and help with funding to fight erosion as near-record high water levels continue sweeping away beaches important to tourism.

Beverly Shores, a town of 613, has already drained its reserves, spending nearly $365,000 on sandbags that have since washed away. Beverly Shores Town Council President Geof Benson said efforts to fix the road and other problems will cost millions more.

"Erosion is not new, but with the severity and speed of it, this is different," Benson, who has lived there for 31 years, told The Indianapolis Star. "One more storm, and that road could be at the bottom of the lake."

In Ogden Dunes, which is just west of Burns Waterway Harbor, vast amounts of sand have disappeared from the beach, said Rodger Howell, chairman of the town's Beach Nourishment and Preservation Committee.

Adding to the trouble is that part of the town's protective system, a steel wall bordering the shoreline, recently failed by collapsing under the pressure of surging water.

Without assistance, Howell said the town's infrastructure and more than 600 homes are in danger.

But Indiana Dunes National Park and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have opposed a permit to add more stone reinforcement. Ogden Dunes residents sued the two entities in early March, accusing them of interfering with shoreline protection.

Holcomb signed an executive order last month acknowledging the high water levels on Lake Michigan. He directed state agencies to gather information on damages that could provide support for an emergency declaration.

Holcomb's office said he will declare a disaster if the damage on the lake's shoreline meets criteria laid out by the federal government.

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The "Bridge to Brigadoon" covered bridge in Royalton Township is shown Thursday. Construction of the bridge took about two years.

A bridge full of memories

The story behind Royalton Township's only covered bridge

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Just off M-63, where the road breaks off and connects to M-139 in Royalton Township, is a long driveway that runs through a 22-acre property.

It's along this private driveway, as it passes over Yellow Creek, where visitors come across a covered bridge. Under the roof are planks and side paneling made from trees from the property.

Cheryl Weise, who lives on the property, said there's been a bridge there for as long as she can remember.

However, when she moved to the property with her late husband, the bridge was essentially two railroad ties and planks.

The bridge was turned into a covered bridge on behalf of her husband, Dr. Clint Wilson, who bought the property in 1984.

"He always had a dream of having a covered bridge," Weise said.

With the occasional help, Wilson, Weise and her younger brother, Mark Weise, spent two years working on the bridge. The project was complete by 1998.

"The time spent putting it together with Clint was my favorite part," said Mark, who now lives in Ann Arbor. "I was going to college at the time and would come back for the summer to help out. I remember one evening we measured the bridge and figured out the dimensions. We started sketching out some ideas and came up with a basic plan."

The bridge, Mark estimates, is about 80-feet long. It's only wide enough for one car to pass through at a time.

Weise said her husband named it The Bridge from Brigadoon, which borrows its moniker from the Broadway musical and the subsequent movie, "Brigadoon."

In the story, the town of Brigadoon comes to life every 100 years. It's a town that Weise describes as nothing but unconditional love.

What's up with that?

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"Our relationship was very much like Brigadoon," she said of Wilson. "He used to tell me, 'You have made our home, our Brigadoon."

The covered bridge was a hit among residents during Christmas, when they would string up lights.

Weise said it took a couple months to light up not only the bridge but the rest of the property.

"We had the lights down by the pond that would come up from the driveway," she said.

When Wilson died in 2006, Weise and a few others strung up Christmas lights one more year in honor of his yearly tradition.

Every now and then, when Weise passes through the covered bridge, she finds solace.

"Sometimes in the winter I stop, turn the car off and just sit. It brings me great comfort," Weise said. That bridge is unique and one of a kind. Just like Clint."

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IN BRIEF

County COVID-19 cases up to 29

The number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Berrien County jumped to 29 on Sunday, up from 22 reported Saturday.

Van Buren County still has four positive cases and Cass County is now up to four.

For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department will provide updates on its website, www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

The Berrien County Health Department will provide updates on its website, www.bchdmi.org, on social media, and at its hotline, 1-800-815-5485.

Man charged with touching carts, claiming he has virus

GENESEE TOWNSHIP (AP) — A Michigan man was arrested after grabbing shopping carts at a grocery store and claiming he had the coronavirus.

Jonathan David-Asher Miracle, 26, also kissed the window of a police car Friday, the Genesee County prosecutor's office said.

Miracle was charged with malicious destruction of police property and falsely threatening people with a harmful substance. He'll appear in court by video Monday.

Miracle was inside a Kroger store in Genesee Township "pushing around shopping carts while stating" that he had the coronavirus, the prosecutor's office said.

Bald eagle saved in Lincoln Township

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — A Lincoln Township police officer got up close and personal with a bald eagle Saturday as he helped save the injured bird.

"It was cool to see up close," Officer Jean Vicario said. "It is definitely something that I'll remember. ... You usually see them from far away. When you're up that close, you realize how big they are."

A picture of Vicario and the bald eagle posted on the police department's Facebook page had almost 2,000 reactions and over 1,400 shares in less than 24 hours.

Vicario said he got the call around 5 p.m. that an injured bald eagle was in the median of I-94 near mile marker 20. At first, he said he and another officer approached the bird from opposite sides, hoping it would fly away.

"I got within five feet of it, but it wouldn't move," he said.

Vicario said the nearest DNR officer was an hour away and couldn't come until a rehabilitation center was found to take the bird to.

That's where Mark O'Donnell, owner of Michiana Wildlife Trapping in LaPorte, Ind., comes in.

O'Donnell said he was on I-94 traveling to a job in Benton Harbor when he came upon the scene.

"I saw what was happening in the middle of I-94, and I had all the tools in my vehicle so I knew I could detain that eagle for the cop, so I just offered my services," he said. "It was pretty intense. That bird had so much power it was unreal."

He said the bald eagle was dazed when he arrived. He said it didn't appear that any bones were broken, but the bird had injuries on the left side of his body and a serious-looking injury to his left eye.

"I felt like it was my duty to stop and help them cops," he said. "... The (bald) eagle is the national symbol of our country."

He said he used a catch pole that is used to catch dogs. But instead of putting the trapline around the eagle's neck, he put it around the wings.

"I didn't want to put it around his neck because their bones are hollow and it will break his neck, so I put it around his wings and then I tightened it so he couldn't flop his wings a lot," he said.

He then flipped the bird onto its back, zip-tied the legs together and put a sweater over its eyes.

But getting to that point was a struggle.

"The bird was out of it until I put that catch pole onto him," he said. "And then he came to life. I mean, he fought me tooth and nail."

He said the eagle's feet were the same size as his hands and had talons longer than his fingers.

"Them talons were insane," he said. "He got a hold of my left pointer finger and it was like he was crushing it in a vice.

Photo provided / Michiana Wildlife Trapping

Mark O'Donnell from Michiana Wildlife Trapping in LaPorte, Ind., captures an injured bald eagle along I-94 Saturday that was possibly hit by a vehicle. The bald eagle was found in the median near milemarker 20 in Lincoln Township.

It took everything I had to pull that talon off to get my finger out of there. ... If he had gotten a hold of my whole hand, I probably would have lost it."

He said the skin on his finger was slightly broken and it was swollen Sunday, "but nothing that I had to go to the hospital with."

Once the bird was trapped, he said he put it in the back of Vicario's car. He said he didn't know if the bird was male or female.

Vicario said he was grateful for O'Donnell's help. He said he was watching the bald eagle for about 30 minutes before O'Donnell arrived.

"He did a good job securing it, and covered it so it was calm," Vicario said.

He said he met the DNR officer at the Coloma exit. He said he's uncertain which rehabilitation facility the bald eagle was taken to, but he hopes to find out so he can keep tabs on how the bird is doing.

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LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

In response to the coronavirus emergency the legislature has scheduled tentative one-day-a-week sessions but is unlikely to meet again before April 21.

During this period the weekly roll call report will share descriptions of some interesting or noteworthy recent bill introductions, beginning with ones related to the epidemic and emergency response. Recent roll call reports have described unanimous votes to fund state virus-response activities, but there have been no hearings or votes on these new bills.

Senate Bill 846 and House Bill 5771: Authorize jail, $1 million fine for spiking hotel, lodging price during emergency

Introduced by Sen. Jeremy Moss (D) and Rep. Mike Mueller (R), respectively, to authorize penalties of $10,000 per violation by individuals, and $1 million for a business, for raising the price on temporary lodging during an emergency by an amount the bill deems as "excessive," which could apply to increases as low as 10 percent. Violations would be a misdemeanor, and the state Attorney General would be authorized to file class action lawsuits seeking triple damages from landlords who raise prices.

Senate Bill 848 and House Bill 5669: Authorize jail, $1 million fine for spiking fuel prices during emergency

Introduced by Sen. Jeremy Moss (D) and Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D), respectively, to authorize the same sanctions proposed by the bill above for raising prices on gasoline, propane, home heating oil, and other energy-based products and services during an emergency by an amount the bill deems as "excessive." Senate Bills 847 and 5670 apply the same restrictions and penalties to consumer staples and other goods.

House Bill 5633: Impose coronavirus insurance mandate

Introduced by Rep. Darrin Camilleri (D), to impose a new coverage mandate that would require private insurance policies to include coverage for care related to coronavirus including doctor visits, diagnosis, prescribed treatment by telemedicine, hospitalizations, drugs, vaccines, lab tests, hand sanitizer and face masks, and quarantine, detention or isolation by any governmental entity.

House Bill 5631: Include coronavirus treatment and more in Medicaid benefits

Introduced by Rep. Abdullah Hammoud (D) to include coronavirus treatment costs among those the state Medicaid and other social welfare programs will pay for, including doctor visits, diagnosis, prescribed treatment by telemedicine, hospitalizations, drugs, vaccines, lab tests, hand sanitizer and face masks, plus the costs of quarantine, detention or isolation by any governmental entity.

House Bill 5630: Require state cover costs of uninsured person's coronavirus care, isolation, lost wages, more

Introduced by Rep. Abdullah Hammoud (D), to mandate that health care professionals and facilities notify state health regulators of each occurrence of coronavirus, and if a case requires isolation or detention for individuals not covered by private or government health coverage, require that the state pay the costs, including lost wages, medical treatment, laboratory testing, drugs or equipment.

House Bill 5680: Authorize coronavirus epidemic sales tax "holiday"

Introduced by Rep. Lynn Afendoulis (R), to authorize a sales tax "holiday" through the end of 2020, during which sales tax would not be imposed on purchases made in person from a business located in Michigan, but would be charged on remote catalog or internet sales.

House Bill 5629: Expand requirement state regulators have response plan for flu epidemics

Introduced by Rep. Cara Clemente (D), to amend a 2006 law that requires state health regulators to maintain a "model influenza pandemic preparedness and response plan" for governmental entities, by also requiring them to maintain a "model pandemic preparedness and response plan."

SOURCE: MichiganVotes.org, a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, providing concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. Please visit www.MichiganVotes.org.

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PRIME TIME TV

MONDAY EVENING MAR. 30

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (10) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	American Idol "310 (Hawaii Showcase and Final Judgment Part 2)" (N) CC				The Good Doctor "I Love You" CC	
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Ent. Tonight	Neighbor-hood		Neighbor-hood	Neighbor-hood	Homefest-Late Late Show Special	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Ac. Holly-wood	The Voice "The Battles Part 2" The artists perform dueling duets. (N) CC				:01 Manifest "Call Sign" (N) CC	
FOX (17) (22) (28) (32)	Modern Family	9-1-1 An accident at a bowling alley. (N)		:01 Prodigal Son (N) CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	Antiques Roadshow (N) CC		Antiques Roadshow "Spokane" CC		Independent Lens "One Child Nation"	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Roswell, New Mexico "Good Mother"		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (39)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Start Digging" CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Roswell, New Mexico "Good Mother"		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heart-land	Heartland An unexpect-ed guest arrives.		Highway to Heaven "A Mother's Love"		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page
WGN (9)	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Elizabeth Smart	Hunting JonBenét's Killer: The Untold Story Re-examining the notorious murder case.				The Killing of Jon-Benet	
AMC	:00 ★★ Transporter 2 ('05, Action) Jason Statham, CC			Better Call Saul "JMM" (N) CC		:08 Dispatches From Elsewhere (N) CC	
Animal	Puppy	Puppy Bowl XV "Winner Takes All"				Puppy Bowl XVI	
BET	6:30 Daddy's Little Girls			★★ Tyler Perry's Good Deeds ('12)			
Big Ten	Journey	BTN Basketball in 60		BTN Basketball in 60		Journey	Journey
Bravo	Below Deck	Below Deck Sailing Yacht CC		Below Deck Sailing Yacht CC		Below Deck Sailing Yacht CC	
Cartoon	Apple	Home	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	Meet the Fockers	Strike Back "Episode 7" CC		8:50 ★★ Skyscraper ('18, Action) Dwayne Johnson, CC			Down a Dark Hall
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Greed	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Street-Mem-phis	Street Outlaws: Mem-phis (N) CC		:01 Driven "Shelby's Secret Project"		:02 Fast N' Loud "Su-per Troupe Jeep"	
Disney	Bunk'd	Fam Jam	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Off Grid	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	Botched	Botched CC		Botched CC		Botched CC	
ESPN	To Be Announced					The Draft	The Draft
ESPN2	To Be Announced		To Be Announced				TBA
ESPNC	Boxing	MLB Baseball From Oct. 15, 1977.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Beat Flay	Spring Baking		Spring Baking		Chopped Sweets (N)	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tigers	MLB Baseball: Royals at Tigers				Tigers Live	
Freefrm	6:00 Back to the Future			★★★ Ferris Bueller's Day Off ('86, Comedy) Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck, Mia Sara. CC			
FX	★★★ Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ('17, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black. CC					Breeders (N) CC	:32 Better Things
Golf	Lessons	Big Break II		Big Break II: Las Vegas CC			
Hallmark	A Country Wedding	Love, Romance & Chocolate ('19, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Will Kemp. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:15 ★ The Kitchen ('19) Melissa McCarthy. CC			The Plot Against America (N) CC		My Brilliant Friend: The Story	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		:03 American Pickers	
HGTV	Home	Home Town (N)		Home Town (N)		Home Town CC	
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé (N)		sMothered (N)	
Lifetime	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Red Brick; Last Kiss"		:03 The First 48 "Stray Shot" CC		:03 The First 48 "Se-crets and Lies"	
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Immortals	Short List	Bulls	To Be Announced			
NFL	NFL Total	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	TBA	Danger	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	War	Cosmos: Possible		Cosmos: Possible		:03 Drain the Oceans	
Oxygen	:00 NCIS	NCIS "The Tie That Binds"		NCIS "Willoughby" CC (DVS)		NCIS "Off the Grid" CC (DVS)	
Parmt	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops (N)	Cops
Showtime	:00 Home-land	Black Monday	Black Monday	Homeland "Threno-dy(s)" Carrie waits.		VICE CC	Black Monday
Starz	:00 Out-lander	:02 ★★★ Spider-Man: Far From Home ('19, Action) Tom Holland. CC				:14 Outlander CC	
STZENC	:03 ★★★ Soul Food ('97) Vanes-sa L. Williams. CC			★★★ Jackie Brown ('97, Crime Drama) Pam Grier, Samuel L. Jackson. CC			
SyFy	:17 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09) Daniel Radcliffe. New dangers lurk for Harry, Dumbledore and their friends. CC (DVS)						
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad
TCM	Ro-mance-Seas	★★★ Captain Nemo and the Underwater City ('69, Fantasy) Robert Ryan. CC				★★ The Incredible Mr. Limpet	
TMC	Perfect Score	★★ From Dusk Till Dawn ('96, Horror) Harvey Keitel, George Clooney. CC				★★ Days of Thun-der ('90) CC	
TNT	Star Wars	★★★ Star Wars: The Last Jedi ('17) Mark Hamill.					
Travel	Unknown	Beyond the Unknown (N) CC				Bey.- Unknown	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 Chica-go P.D.	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (L) CC					
VH1	Hip Hop	Love, Hip Hop		Love & Hip Hop		Love, Hip Hop	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Almost Paradise "Finding Mabuhay"	

Keeping your hands clean best way to stay healthy

DEAR DOCTOR: Why do you have to wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds? Are they not getting clean if you've only got cold water? And why is 20 seconds the magic number? What about hand sanitizers?

DEAR READER: Handwashing is in the news right now due to the coverage of the new coronavirus, COVID-19, as well as our ongoing flu season. It's an important topic because, although the exact means of transmission of the new coronavirus isn't clear yet, we do know how influenza spreads, and COVID-19 is likely to be similar.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

In addition to inhaling aerosolized droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze, influenza spreads through contact with surfaces that have been contaminated by the virus. This can be direct contact, such as when you shake hands with someone infected with the virus, or indirect contact via a contaminated surface or object. If you come into direct contact with the virus and then touch your own mucous membranes, you risk infecting yourself. This includes rubbing your eyes, nose or mouth; biting your nails; eating with your hands; dabbing on makeup; or just resting your chin in your hands. All of this leads to two bits of important advice – don't touch your face, and do wash your hands. The first relies on awareness, while the latter is all about technique.

Start by wetting your hands with clean, running water. The temperature of the water doesn't play a role in efficacy; it's just that warm water is more comfortable to use. If cold water is the only option, that's fine. What matters most is that you work up a lather with soap – any kind of soap will do – and carefully clean all of the surfaces of your hands. Be sure to wash the palms and backs of the hands, the fingers, the knuckles, the webs between the fingers and the areas around and beneath the nails. Doing this carefully and thoroughly, with gentle pressure to create friction, takes in the neighborhood of 20 seconds. Then rinse well and dry thoroughly. Frequent handwashing can dry out the delicate skin on your hands, so carrying a travel-size moisturizer can be a good idea.

As for hand sanitizers, studies have shown that although they can be helpful, washing with soap and water is the most effective at removing a variety of pathogens. Hand sanitizers may not be as effective when used on hands that are dirty or greasy.

When using a hand sanitizer, it's important to choose one that is alcohol-based, at a concentration of no less than 60 percent. The product label will state the concentration of alcohol. Don't skimp. Always use the amount of sanitizer that the label recommends. Then spread the liquid over all of the surfaces of your hands and rub gently until they are dry.

Hands clean? You're not quite done yet. There's another object that that makes frequent contact with your hands and face – your phone. Check manufacturer directions, and add cleaning your phone to your daily routine.

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Mom died, and now Dad wants me to clean house

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My mom passed away a couple of months ago. My dad made it clear he would not be part of the cleaning-out process. I live in the same city as my parents while my two sisters live on the other coast. My dad is also planning on selling the house in the near future.

Carolyn Hax

I'm overwhelmed. Cleaning out my mom's closet has been an emotional process and some days I can clean for just 15 minutes, then I need a break. Any advice? I'm working against my dad's timeline of selling the house. – Feeling Overwhelmed

FEELING OVERWHELMED: I'm so sorry for your loss.

What would happen if you just stopped? It sounds as if you've been emotionally blackmailed into assuming everyone else's share of the work.

OVERWHELMED: Either Overwhelmed or the dad should go to professionals in handling estate sales. They have no emotional investment and will triage stuff: this for the sale, this to donate if it doesn't sell, this for the dumpster. If dad is moving, then he should take the stuff he wants and leave everything else for the estate sale people. Overwhelmed should take any keepsakes she wants and not look back. – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: Yes. I lingered a bit before ending this chat to see if there was some explanation for why it HAS to be done by the letter-writer. It just doesn't make sense. The father, as the homeowner, is the one accountable, and it can be outsourced. Thanks.

CAROLYN: My dad said it's too emotional for him to clean out the closet and house because he lost his wife. He routinely reminds me that this process is more difficult for him so I should do the cleaning. – Overwhelmed again

OVERWHELMED AGAIN: You lost your mom!

No one wins by his making this a competition.

And it is emotional blackmail. Whatever you decide to do, make sure it's based in your values and beliefs, not your father's guilt trip.

READERS' THOUGHTS (INCLUDING THEIR GENDER ASSUMPTIONS): – I suspect Overwhelmed has always done what the father has said to do. They've probably been playing these roles the child's whole life.

I hope Overwhelmed listens to Carolyn and thinks about why she feels obligated to do work everyone else is allowed to skip. --Surely Overwhelmed doesn't want to keep EVERYTHING of Mom's. So she can go to the house, take what really matters to her (as long as Dad doesn't want it) and walk away, leaving the other stuff behind. Along with a piece of paper with three names and phone numbers of professional organizers or estate-sale people. – Seriously, Dad – this is yours to manage. I suspect Dad envisions ordering a dumpster and just throwing stuff in it. Or else he's just used to having someone there who takes care of stuff he doesn't want to deal with.

Maybe this isn't their scenario, but when I cleaned out my brother's house, I found a lot of cash stuffed in clothing pockets and books and other hiding places. My friends bought her mother's house and they found things like coin collections in boxes with utility bills from the 1970s. Sometimes you have to go through it all.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Lectern
5 Icky substance
8 Hot dog holder
11 Bound
12 Sleeve fillers
14 — — shoestring
15 Ocean-going bird
16 Milk, to Yves
17 Eighteen-wheeler
18 Vice —
20 Mystical cards
22 Happy sighs
23 Not home
24 Gaelic people
27 Wineglass part
29 Soccer star Hamm
30 Wide-spread disease
34 Forks over the dough (2 wds.)
37 St.
38 Highway
39 Frenzy
41 Coalition
43 Blast furnace input
44 Lops off branches
46 Thresholds
49 Floor covering
50 Ms. Ephron
52 Nailed at a slant
54 Monsieur's summer
55 Estrada or Satie
56 Online auction site
57 Apiece
58 Clean air org.
59 Cupola

DOWN
1 Pub pint
2 Game show name
3 Plague
4 Diva's performances
5 Dressy events
6 Mouths
7 Leave out
8 Atomic No. 5
9 Form a merger
10 Finds fault
13 Put on
19 Quiet!
21 Tiber city
24 Bratty kid
25 Grande or Bravo
26 John, in Glasgow
27 Future bride
28 Useful hint
30 That, to Jaime
31 Sully
32 "— Got a Secret"
33 Passing grade
35 Rust component
36 Time of the mammals
39 Mr. in Bombay
40 Threw rocks
41 Insensitive clod
42 German pistol
43 Honshu port
44 Kind of school
45 Blister or scrape
47 Gray wolf
48 Garment part
51 Tear apart
53 Do Easter eggs

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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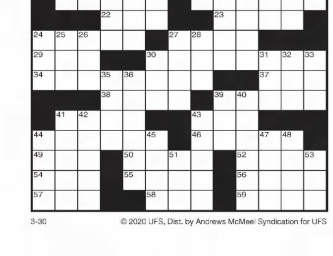

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EMNVO

OMRHU

KANWEE

DADCIN

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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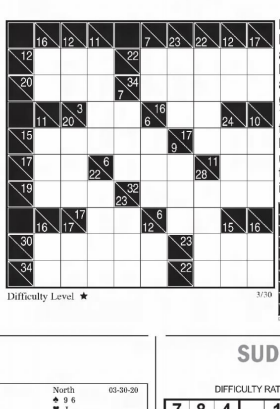
Answer here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: MESSY SENSE UNEASY GALLOP
Answer: When the teacher taught subtraction to the students, it was a — LESSEN LESSON

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★

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BRIDGE

H.L. Mencken said, "An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup."

At the bridge table, if it smells like a game contract, bid that game. Even if it should be defeated, the opponents might not find the killing defense. Plus, you keep them under pressure. They are aware that one slip, and you have raked in a game bonus.

In today's deal, North was aggressive in driving to game, but he had two aces and a side-suit singleton.

The contract wasn't cold, but it had chances and succeeded when East showed a lack of imagination.

West led the heart king; then, as East hoped, West shifted to the diamond six. Declarer won with dummy's ace, played a club to his king and ruffed a heart on the board. Dummy's club ace was cashed before South carefully returned to hand by ruffing a low diamond with the spade king. After ruffing his last heart in the dummy, South was happy to concede three tricks: one spade, one heart and one club.

West wasn't too pleased with his partner. "You can see that declarer is going to ruff a heart or two on the board. If I lead a trump, it costs my winner. You should have overtaken my heart king with your ace and led a trump. If you had, I think we would have defeated the contract."

"Sorry, partner. You're right. The diamonds can wait."

Always take some time at trick one to plan your defense, even if declarer has already called for a card from the board.

North 03-30-20
♠ 9 6
♥ J
♦ A Q 9 8 5 4
♣ A 7 6 3

West
♠ Q 4 2
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 6 2
♣ Q 9 8 5

East
♠ 5 3
♥ A 9 5 3 2
♦ K J 10 3
♣ 10 2

South
♠ A K J 10 8 7
♥ 8 7 4
♦ 7
♣ K J 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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						4	6	8
2			4		6			9
4	6	8						
				4		7	8	
8	4	2	1	5		6	9	
		5	8	9		2	4	1

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	1	2	8	7	6	4	3	9
3	4	8	2	9	5	6	7	1
7	9	6	1	3	4	2	8	5
9	7	5	3	6	1	8	4	2
2	3	1	4	8	9	5	6	7
6	8	4	7	5	2	1	9	3
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BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

HI & LOIS

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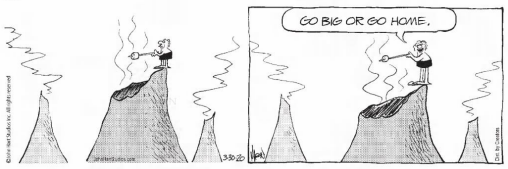
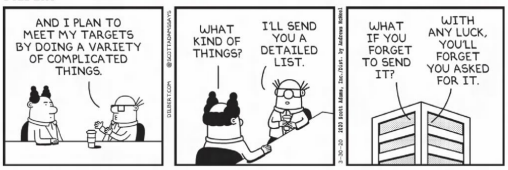


WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

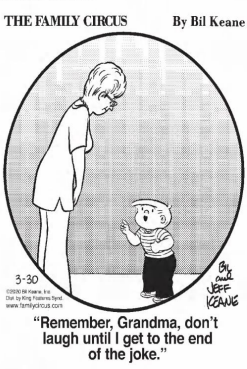


GARFIELD

FORT KNOX

PICKLES

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Remember, Grandma, don't laugh until I get to the end of the joke."

DENNIS THE MENACE

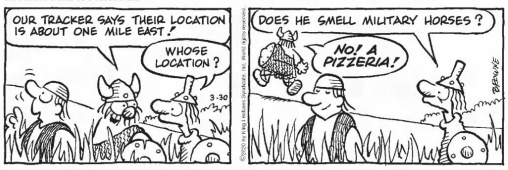
"JUST WIPE OFF THE TABLE, JOEY... RUFF WILL TAKE CARE OF THE FLOOR."

BABY BLUES

CURTIS

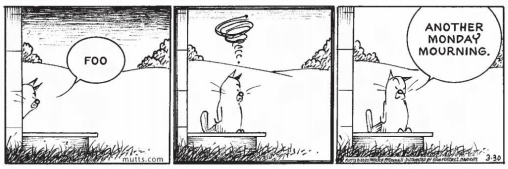
ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



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Gonzalez-Socoloske receives Fulbright award

GONZALEZ-SOCOLOSKE

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board recently announced that Daniel Gonzalez-Socoloske of Andrews University has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to Brazil in the field of biology.

He will conduct research at the Mamiraua Institute for Sustainable Development in Amazon as part of a project titled: "Can sonar technology aid in the detection and monitoring of the vulnerable Amazonian manatee?"

Gonzalez-Socoloske is one of more than 800 U.S. citizens who will teach, conduct research and/or provide expertise abroad for the 2019-20 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, according to a news release.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as record of service and demonstrated leadership in their respective fields.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program, and is designed to build lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

The Fulbright Program is funded by the U.S. Department of State. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the program, which operates in more than 160 countries worldwide.

Since its establishment in 1946, under legislation introduced by U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program has given more than 390,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists and professionals of all backgrounds and fields the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

Fulbrighters address global challenges in all disciplines, while building relationships, knowledge and leadership in support of the long-term interests of the United States.

Fulbright alumni have achieved distinction in many fields, including 59 who have been awarded the Nobel Prize, 84 who have received Pulitzer Prizes, and 37 who have served as a head of state or government, according to the release.

For more information about the program, visit eca.state.gov/fulbright, call 202-632-6452 or email ECA-Press@state.gov.

Musical Club awards scholarships

ST. JOSEPH — The Monday Musical Club Scholarship Committee recently announced its 2020 award winners.

The scholarship competition was held Jan. 19 at The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center. All competitors are members of the Student and Junior Club of Monday Musical Club. The Student and Junior Club encourages musicians through monthly performance opportunities and artist Educator forums throughout the school year.

The judges for this years' competition were Yu-Lien The and Julie Evans Little of Western Michigan University.

Winners in the Junior Division were:

SHULL

■ Nora Shull, piano, 7th grade, Parr/Blohm Scholarship, $2,500, five-week summer camp

BEAUFILS

■ Celia Beaufils, piano, 6th grade, Monday Musical Club Scholarship, $2,500, five-week summer camp

ALIMENTI

■ Isabella Alimenti, piano, 8th grade, Sullivan Scholarship, $6,100, three weeks at Interlochen Center for the Arts

A. KWON

■ Alex Kwon, piano, 7th grade, Sullivan Scholarship, $6,100, three weeks at Interlochen Center for the Arts

Winners in the Senior Division were:

THRUMM

■ Chiara Thrumm, piano, 12th grade, Monday Musical Club Scholarship, $3,000, five-week summer seminar

J. KWON

■ Jonathan Kwon, violin, 9th grade, Joyce Gouwens String Scholarship, $1,390, Blue Lake High School Orchestra Camp Scholarship chair Sandra Nye was joined on the committee by Sharon Fekete, Mary Spaulding, Melody Prather and Mina Gardner, and received additional support of club members Elizabeth Wooley, Beth Foyder and Mary Alice Brunner.

The nonprofit Monday Musical Club is a philanthropic and educational organization dedicated to music education and promotion of creative and performing arts in Southwest Michigan. Over the years, it has awarded more than $430,000 in scholarships to high school and college students to further their instrumental or vocal education. All area students are able to join the Student and Junior Club.

Photo provided

Andrews Academy recently inducted 17 students into its National Honor Society chapter. They are, in back, Mugabe Menani, Giancarlo Leonor, Daniel Palacios-Worley, Natalie McArthur, Kayleigh Swackhamer, Sara Hamstra, Benjamin Leonser, David Keyes, Nathan Carterman; in front, Caleb Braswell, Lucas Navia, Abigail Cancel, Seoyoung Kwon, Portia Lacson, Bryndis Davis, Megan Woods and Anthony Sanford.

Andrews Academy inducts 17 into NHS chapter

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Earlier this month, Andrews Academy inducted 17 new members into its National Honor Society chapter, the Alma L. Campbell Chapter.

It brought the chapter's total membership to 39.

The Andrews Academy chapter aims to make a difference in the world – locally and globally. Its motto is, "In his service."

NHS Cause Week is a special week during which NHS officers, members and guest speakers raise awareness about a specific cause to make a difference in the world. This year, the NHS focused on "Caring For Creation."

The aim of the week was to provide philosophical and ethical context for why the critically thinking Christian would believe in environmental care, and what actively responsive Christians can do with this information.

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Hartford Public Library Director Stephanie Daniels, at left, receives a check from Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society President Joyce Beedie.

VBRGS donates $100K to Hartford library

HARTFORD — The Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society recently made a $100,000 donation to the new Hartford Public Library and Art & Bonna Vanderlyn Community Center.

The donation supports the new Genealogy Room, and shows the society's gratitude to the library for welcoming it and its one-of-a-kind genealogy and history collection into the new building, according to a news release.

The society and the library will be working together to provide the community with a unique learning resource.

Using the materials of the Genealogy Room along with state-of-the-art technology, the society will welcome everyone who has an interest in "finding their roots" or learning about local history.

In 1987, a group of like-minded people formed the Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society. Their mission was to encourage family history studies and to preserve and protect the history of the people and places of Southwest Michigan.

Their mission has been fulfilled continually for 33 years, resulting in a collection of thousands of books, documents and photographs that are available for public use. This collection is well-known by local researchers, as well as those from across the U.S., according to the release.

Deputies complete officer training academy

ST. JOSEPH — Three Berrien County sheriff's deputies – Christine Cipriano, Mia Rankin and Kendra Warman – have graduated from the corrections officer training academy at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

CIPRIANO

Cipriano graduated the fall academy in November, while Rankin and Warman graduated this month, according to a news release.

WARMAN

The four-week academy offers a comprehensive, interactive instruction program in various disciplines for jail deputies. Training topics include custody and security, defensive tactics, first aid (including CPR and AED procedures), suicide awareness, fire safety and interpersonal communications.

RANKIN

The academy, certified by the Michigan Sheriffs' Coordinating and Training Council, is an important element of providing the necessary skills for maintaining a safe, secure environment for jail staff, inmates and county residents, according to the release.

"I want to congratulate these deputies for their effort in completing this vital training. The skills learned at this academy will help them safely and effectively manage our inmate population," Sheriff Paul Bailey said in the release. "The training helps our deputies develop and practice the tools necessary to be successful in this high-stress environment."

ON CAMPUS

Degrees

The following area students have earned a degree from a college or university.

Alma College
Alma, Mich.

Edwardsburg – McKenzie Creed, bachelor of science, magna cum laude, integrative physiology and health science

Buchanan – Frahade Martinez, bachelor of science, summa cum laude, biochemistry

Niles – Marina Thornton, bachelor of arts, cum laude, Asian studies

Central Michigan University
Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Benton Harbor – Amber Appel, bachelor of science; Samantha Lambert, bachelor of science in education; Jordan Zaluckyj, master of health care administration

Buchanan – Bailey McCarty, bachelor of science

Cassopolis – Andrew Benson, bachelor of science

Covert – Allison Weber, bachelor of science in business administration

Dowagiac – Holly Osborn, bachelor of science in business administration; Jennifer Schaus, bachelor of music education; Demetrias Wolverton, master of science in administration

Hartford – RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, bachelor of science

Niles – Samuel Willis, bachelor of science

Paw Paw – Jacqueline Reynolds-Hayward, bachelor of science

St. Joseph – Daniel Hernandez, bachelor of science in education

Sodus – Nicole King, bachelor of science

South Haven – Morgan Darke, bachelor of science in business administration; Kiley Tippman, bachelor of applied arts

Three Oaks – Madeline Smith, bachelor of science

Palmer College of Chiropractic
Davenport, Iowa

Buchanan – Samantha Gerard, doctor of chiropractic

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By EUGENIA LAST

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Slow down, take your time and live in the moment. Absorb what's going on around you and think matters through. Strategy will count, so plant your feet firmly on the ground, set your sights on your target and proceed with persistence. Keep life simple and meaningful, and success will be yours.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Listen to others, but don't let anyone make decisions for you. Be true to your beliefs and needs, and follow through with your plans. Charm, not stubbornness, will help you reach your objective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Personal gain can be yours if you share your ideas and collaborate with like-minded people. Let go of regrets and know enough to walk away from emotionally manipulative people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid getting into a discussion with someone who exhausts you. Focus on the good you can do, not on negative people or someone pressuring you to take a risk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't deny yourself the desire for something new or different. Refuse to let fear stop you from experiencing what life has to offer. When opportunity knocks, open the door. Romance is favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A dead-end project should be cut loose. Think twice before you pursue an unrealistic endeavor. Concentrate on the people and projects that will enhance your life instead of those that hold you back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll face opposition if you aren't willing to meet someone halfway. Don't ignore the signals someone is sending you. If you neglect your personal or professional responsibilities, problems will occur.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't allow anyone to use you as his or her puppet. You've worked hard to get where you are, and it's time to recognize your value. Stand up for your rights.

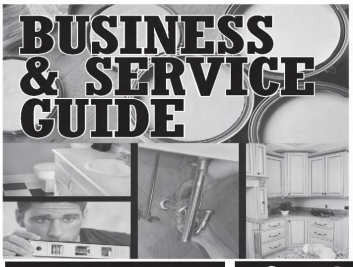
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Spend more time building a solid foundation. Learn from your experiences and branch out in a direction that excites you. Romance is in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Changes to how or where you live will turn out better than anticipated. Listen to your heart, not to what someone else tries to lead you to believe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Reconnecting with someone will prompt you to revisit a goal you have yet to reach. Make a personal change that will add to your appeal and boost your confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Think about what you have, what you want and the best way to achieve your goal. Take a closer look at your motives and future, and make a change.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Put personal papers in order. Don't say things you don't mean. Being frank will spare you emotional grief. The changes you experience will alter your outlook.



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QUOTE FILE

What people are saying in Southwest Michigan.

I was kind of speechless for a few seconds. ... You only get one opportunity to win, so I was just blessed with the opportunity to win.

– CARLOS JOHNSON
Benton Harbor basketball play who won the coveted Mr. Basketball title for Michigan

I've never seen this much panic and uncertainty before. We're going to get through this just as America always does.

– CYNTHIA LeGROW
Chief financial officer with Maximum Mold of Benton Harbor

In my opinion, we're almost two seconds away from martial law. This is all so fast-moving. I see it as almost an infringement of people's rights.

– DAN McGINNIS
Chief of the Benton Harbor Public Safety Department, after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a stay-at-home order

It's nothing but smoke and mirrors. It's a diversion.

– GWENDOLYN WILLIAMS
Benton Township resident who doesn't believe the federal stimulus package will be enough for average people

I'm learning as I go. This is a lot like being a first-year teacher all over again.

– AMY PERKINS
Lakeshore High School history teacher, who is now engaging her students online while schools are shut down

Trump can't talk his way out this time

Martin Schram

Americans of all persuasions are locked into a 24/7 duck-and-cover mentality that has become our new reality.

In 2020, we are under attack from a deadly enemy that has raced halfway around the world to hit us where we live and work, without regard to those trivial, tribal, us-versus-them divisions that too many of us once thought were important. Some of us have been here before.

Sixty-nine years ago, little Donald Trump was a kindergartener just embarking on the privileges of a private school education in New York City's borough of Queens. Just a few miles away, a U.S. civil defense movie crew, at P.S. 152, was filming the public school children who lived not far from the Trump family's 23-room mansion. They were rehearsing what to do when and if their enemy, half a world away, attacked them with another sort of weapon.

"... Fire is a danger ... automobiles can be dangerous too," the film's somber announcer explained. "... Now we must be ready for a new danger – the atomic bomb!" Then we saw the children from Trump's Queens, ducking under their desks and covering the backs of their necks with their hands – in case of flying glass.

"Duck and Cover" was a cultural classic that defined the fearful world of our Cold War era and the lives of several generations. Today, America's children, their parents and all of us are overdosing – not on fear but on fact – every time we look at our news screens.

But the first version of Trump's history in mishandling the coronavirus pandemic as president has already been chronicled. It is a fact-based tale of delay and deny. Trump and his team blithely ran all the red lights – failed to prepare and prevent, until it was too late.

Trump was given repeated warnings by his intelligence experts that America could soon face the peril of a new incurable killer disease, coronavirus, that was devastating China and could soon endanger us all in the USA. But for two months, Trump failed to heed his experts' warnings. In shockingly inaccurate public comments, Trump repeatedly insisted the disease was under control. When the first 15 U.S. coronavirus cases were reported, Trump bizarrely claimed that "within a couple of days (the number) is going to be down to close to zero." As of Thursday, the United States had more than 75,000 coronavirus cases – and more than 1,000 deaths.

Tragically, Trump's America now leads the world with the steepest (meaning most rapid) increase in confirmed coronavirus cases of any country in the world. Charts prepared from data gathered by Johns Hopkins University show America's crisis at a glance: the U.S. increase is skyrocketing almost straight up – faster even than the increase that occurred in China.

Trump needs to ask himself this: Why were China, South Korea, Japan, Singapore and Taiwan all able to lead the world by reacting quickly with bold and dynamic steps that enabled those countries to flatten out the once-rapidly soaring level of their increase in new coronavirus infections? The answer: They quickly tested their populations, isolated and quarantined infected individuals.

Also: Why did the United States fail to do what these other nations did? While those East Asian countries' case numbers stopped climbing and leveled out, the U.S. increases are still soaring.

Last week, a Fox News anchor claimed that shutting down the U.S. economy – the "cure" – may be worse than the "disease." On Tuesday, Trump quickly – and seemingly unilaterally – made the Fox News anchor's phrase his new policy slogan. He repeatedly said we can't let the cure be worse than the disease, insisting that he'd like to end the economic shutdown on Easter.

Endanger the elderly to revitalize the economy? It seemed like Trump's loyal congressional Republicans would develop political laryngitis and stay silent, yet again. But finally a loyal Trump-supporting Republican had the guts to just say no! Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., a staunch conservative (and yes, Dick's daughter), tweeted a warning that was simply commonsense sanity:

"There will be no normally functioning economy if our hospitals are overwhelmed and thousands of Americans of all ages, including our doctors and nurses, lay dying because we have failed to do what's necessary to stop the virus."

This time Trump had no place to duck, no way to cover. So on Thursday he began undecorating his Easter eggs, painfully clarifying that he really didn't say what he said. Our video recorders all repeatedly misheard.

Whatever.

Martin Schram is a columnist for Tribune News Service.

ANOTHER OPINION

Trump's fragile ego

The man in the White House who plays a leader on TV pitched another fit, this time at governors like New York's Andrew Cuomo who, desperate for aid to save their citizens' lives, had the gall to press Washington to send more respirators from the federal stockpile and deliver other aid on something better than the sluggish pace so far established.

"It's a two-way street," said President Trump. "They have to treat us well also. They can't say, 'Oh gee, we should get this, we should get that.' We're doing a great job."

The president is transparent: Kiss the ring or your constituents may suffer. If the idea weren't obscene enough, the same man making that demand is simultaneously waging petty open rhetorical warfare against governors who happen to be Democrats.

Trump's foolish claim that Cuomo "rejected buying recommended 16,000 ventilators in 2015 for a pandemic, established death panels and lotteries instead" is a blatant lie, thoroughly debunked. Trump also attacked another Democratic chief executive who had dared question the federal response, Gretchen Whitmer, as a "failing Michigan governor."

We've long known that like many of the dictators he admires, Trump demands those seeking help to genuflect in his presence. When he is on the receiving end of criticism, however serious or substantive, he reacts like a child who just happens to have the full power of the federal government behind him. In the midst of the worst public health crisis of the 21st century, this is the national leader we're stuck with.

– New York Daily News

John C. Calhoun and the coming of the Civil War

Bruce Kauffmann
History Lesson

John C. Calhoun, arguably South Carolina's most famous politician, died this week (March 31) in 1850. If there was ever a man whose desire for the presidency was in inverse proportion to his deserving of it, it was Calhoun.

In the early 19th century, Calhoun was a rising political star, serving in the House of Representatives, becoming secretary of war under President James Monroe, and later serving as vice president under John Quincy Adams and his successor, Andrew Jackson. That made Calhoun one of only two men to serve as vice president in two different administrations. (The little-known George Clinton is the other.)

Then, in 1832, he resigned as Jackson's vice president in order to represent South Carolina in the U.S. Senate, where he waged a relentless campaign against federal interference with states' rights, and against any attempt to end or contain the institution of slavery. No politician in American history championed slavery more fervently than did Calhoun, who argued that slavery was not evil but "a positive good" that preserved "white supremacy" and prevented "race and class conflict," by preventing slave insurrections and bloodshed.

To those ends, Senator Calhoun fought every attempt to curtail slavery's westward expansion into the territories America was acquiring. The Missouri Compromise of 1820 prohibited slavery in any new U.S. territory north of Missouri's southern border, and a proposed amendment in the House, the Wilmot Proviso, aimed to prohibit slavery in any territory acquired during the Mexican-American War. In response, Calhoun argued that southerners had sacrificed as much blood and treasure as northerners in acquiring America's western territories. Therefore, slavery should be allowed in any new territory, and future state, that wanted it. Calhoun even opposed the Compromise of 1850, which balanced California's admission into the Union as a free state with several pro-southern provisions, including removing the Wilmot Proviso from proposed legislation. Fortunately, the Compromise of 1850 passed (albeit after Calhoun's death), which somewhat eased the North-South tensions Calhoun had so greatly exacerbated.

But not end them, as Calhoun clearly understood it would not. Sensing the stakes and the repercussions of the growing split between northerners and southerners over slavery, Calhoun made an uncanny prediction on his deathbed in 1850. "The Union is doomed to dissolution …" he said. "I fix its probable occurrence within 12 years … It may be brought about in a manner that none now foresee. But the probability is it will explode in a presidential election."

The Civil War began 11 years later, and as Calhoun foretold, it did "explode" in a presidential election – Abe Lincoln's. Then again, thanks to Lincoln winning that election, the dissolution that Calhoun expected, and did so much to bring about, was prevented.

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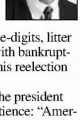
Why Trump can't order the nation to restart

Steve Chapman



The federal government's effort to combat the new coronavirus carries an economic price that is getting higher every day – too high, it appears, for President Donald Trump and some of his advisers. They fear a sharp, brutal downturn that could boost unemployment into double-digits, litter the landscape with bankruptcies and doom his reelection bid.

On Monday, the president expressed impatience: "America will, again, and soon, be open for business. Very soon." His reason: "We cannot let the cure be worse than the problem itself." On Tuesday, he said he "would love to have the country opened up, and just raring to go, by Easter" – April 12.

Having declared himself a "wartime president," Trump assumes he can unilaterally decide to restart the economy and get Americans back to work, companies back to making money and the stock market back to its previous heights. In truth, most of these matters are not under his control.

He can instruct Americans to return to their old ways. But he will be at odds with governors and mayors who have urged or mandated that businesses close and people remain at home. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot have imposed stringent measures on their own residents and will keep them in place as long as they see fit.

"Pulling back now, in my view for Chicago, does not make sense at all," Lightfoot said Tuesday. Pritzker makes it clear he's about as likely to defer to Trump as he is to get a face tattoo. In his Tuesday news conference, Pritzker stressed, "I want to be 100 percent clear about what will drive my decision-making in the weeks ahead: science."

Elected officials elsewhere are likely to do likewise. As of last Tuesday, The New York Times reported, "at least 167 million people in 17 states, 18 counties and 10 cities are being urged to stay home."

Though Democratic and Republican voters diverge somewhat on the need for action, governors of both parties have taken the lead. Ohio's Mike DeWine, a Republican, issued a stay-at-home edict Sunday, saying, "I don't know any other way to describe it other than to say we are at war." GOP governors in Indiana, Massachusetts and West Virginia have adopted the same policy.

They aren't likely to reverse course merely to accommodate the president. Democratic governors from New York to California will not hesitate to defy him. In moments of national crisis, power usually flows to the central government. To some extent, that is happening this time, as Congress scrambles to help shuttered businesses and newly unemployed workers. But we are also seeing the reinvigoration of federalism by state leaders who are making decisions without waiting for guidance from Washington.

Corporate executives and small business people cannot be under any illusions about the challenges created by the virus. The nation's Big Three car companies shut down production under pressure from the United Auto Workers, which would fight any attempt to resume normal operations.

Anyone who owns a hotel, resort, restaurant, hair salon, bar, workout facility or music venue must realize that it's one thing to open your doors and quite another to attract customers. It would not be easy for the administration to get elementary and secondary schools to reopen or persuade universities to pack students into dormitories and lecture halls.

The professional sports leagues know that resumption of games before spectators would put their own players, coaches and other personnel at risk and might not sell many tickets. As Yogi Berra once said, "If the people don't want to come out to the ballpark, nobody's going to stop them."

Most Americans have come to understand the need for social distancing and self-isolation. They have learned that exposure to others is dangerous for them and those they care about. As cases of COVID-19 rise, and deaths mount, their aversion to old-fashioned mingling will only increase.

As the epidemic shows up in places where it has not yet been detected, the fear of ordinary Americans will count for more than the desires of the president. The best way to overcome that fear, and its effect on the economy, is to slow the spread of the disease, implement widespread testing and keep hospitals from being fatally swamped. Only then may people feel enough confidence to shift back toward economic life as we knew it.

Trump can tell Americans to go back to life as before. But he may find that what he says doesn't matter.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

Gardening at home with a basic set-up during the pandemic

By JACKIE JAHFETSON
The Mining Journal

MARQUETTE — Soil, water, nutrients, sunlight and seeds are the basic items one person needs to grow food from scratch in the comfort of their own home.

Gardening begins with good soil, NMU Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Sustainability Sarah Mittlefehldt told The Mining Journal.

Most of the supplies can be ordered online or found at any big box store, Mittlefehldt said, adding that reusing things such as old yogurt containers is a way to stay indoors and utilize what's inside one's home.

January, February and March are the dark winter months and it's a great starting point to begin determining what plants to grow, she said.

Due to the shelter-in-place order of staying inside for the next three weeks with limited excursions, gardening is an activity that only requires oneself, Mittlefehldt said.

"The current global pandemic has revealed how vulnerable our food system is in the U.S. in general, and in the (Upper Peninsula) in particular," she said. "We are extremely dependent on food grown thousands of miles away. When supply and distribution systems are disrupted, Yoopers become vulnerable to food insecurity. Even if it's just a basil plant, by planting seeds, you are helping to strengthen our local food system, one small plant at a time."

For NMU student Niikah Hatfield, gardening is a way to be self-reliant and it's fairly easy to get started, she said.

Any naturally lit space to set up pots or window planters, such as on the front steps of a home, will do for garden space, Hatfield said. Finding pots with good drainage systems is another key thing to keep in mind. To save on space, co-planting some vegetables has proven effective, Hatfield said.

Growing up on Seeds and Spores, a family farm located in Chocolay Township that sells food to the Marquette area, Hatfield has helped out most of her life and has taken on more responsibility over the past six years. The eight acres of vegetables, hogs, beef cattle, hens, medicinal herbs, mushrooms and more helps maintain a sustainable ecosystem where the farm supports itself and leaves the land in better condition than it was 20 years ago when the farm was first founded, Hatfield noted.

Though gardening – especially organic gardening – has its obstacles such as weeds and pests, there's something about home-grown fruits and veggies that makes it all worthwhile, Hatfield said.

"To eat something you have been watching grow from a seedling or transplant is one of the most fulfilling experiences I've had: There is a special cycle of self-sufficiency and completeness that comes with it," Hatfield said. "Knowing where your food comes from and all the work that it takes to produce it brings a lot of appreciation."

As a mother of a 6-year-old child, Mittlefehldt said she and her daughter have enjoyed several science lessons together on the topic of gardening during this "extended spring break."

"Our daughter wanted to see if the seeds from her store-bought grapes would grow, so we turned it into a gardening experiment. She made a hypothesis about what she expected the seeds to do based on prior observation. Then she came up with the things she understood to be necessary for plant life: good soil, water, sunlight," Mittlefehldt said. "Whether it's preparing other seeds or harvesting the final goods, we try to involve our daughter at all stages of the food production process. It seems more important than ever that we all know how to grow food."

Due to the northern climate of the U.P., plants such as tomatoes, peppers and melons need more time indoors before they can be transplanted into the ground, Mittlefehldt explained.

However, plants that can be directly planted are kale, spinach and carrots. Consulting the seed packet for proper instructions will support successful results and determine when plants can be transplanted outside, she said.

"It is incredibly satisfying to produce the things that your family and community needs. Growing food is a great way to become more self-reliant as an individual, and more resilient as a community. It's also a pleasant way to spend time outdoors with loved ones," Mittlefehldt said.

Grow spaces by windows and other well-lit, warm areas offer perfect growing conditions to start seedlings so they can be transplanted outside into a garden, pots or raised beds after the last frost, Hatfield noted.

Some vegetables are short-season varieties that are durable for this climate, but gardening in the U.P. is possible for several items, including potatoes, lettuce and cucumbers, and most of the plants are fairly easy to maintain, she said.

Vegetables such as radishes, lettuce, kale and peas are examples of fairly easy crops to grow, she added.

"There are tons of books and literature on farming, especially urban farming, that are valuable for learning the basics. But plants need good soil, water and sunlight. If you're intimidated by growing from seed, a lot of farms sell transplants in the spring. Give some things a try – it never hurts," Hatfield said.

"Be patient. And a lot of crops, like spinach or lettuce or beets and carrots can be planted multiple times throughout the season to make sure you have fresh veg all year long. If you grow a lot of something, you can learn how to preserve it for the winter months as well.

"And have fun."

Battle Creek man projects Disney songs outside his house

By NICK BUCKLEY
Battle Creek Enquirer

BATTLE CREEK — A line of vehicles parked in front of Tom Wood's home at 100 Kings Court in Battle Creek last Sunday night, their occupants had gathered to watch a 20-foot tall Elsa sing "Let it Go" along with nine other songs from Disney films.

In the spirit of social distancing, Wood plans to provide a free show for people to enjoy every night from the relative safety of their vehicles, the Battle Creek Enquirer reports.

The roughly half-hour display is a video ranking the top 10 Disney songs, with audio provided to vehicles through a radio transmitter set to 88.7 FM. Wood plans to play it on a loop from 8 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

"Right now we need joy," Wood said. "There are so many negative things going on around the world on the news, everything on lockdown. We're really practicing social distancing and trying to lower that curve. This is just one of those small things that I can do to bring joy to the people that aren't being able to get out and have that outlet. It's a safe, easy and entertaining way for people to take a break."

On Monday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued an executive order for Michigan residents to "stay at home." During the press conference, she noted, "You can go outside. Get some fresh air, walk your dog, just be smart about it and maintain that six-foot distance... Even go outside and put your holiday lights back up."

Wood, who has a background in technical theater, already owned the equipment needed to project the video thanks to his elaborate Halloween and Christmas light displays. He said he asked permission from neighbors ahead of his previous shows.

Now he's asking that people simply stop by the side of the road, turn their headlights off and enjoy the larger-than-life projection of popular Disney tunes.

"It's free, we're not asking for donations or anything like that," Wood said. "It is truly just come and enjoy, rain, snow or shine."

Country singer Joe Diffie dies of virus complications

NEW YORK (AP) — Country singer Joe Diffie, who had a string of hits in the 1990s with chart-topping ballads and honky-tonk singles like "Home" and "Pickup Man," has died after testing positive for COVID-19. He was 61.

Diffie on Friday announced he had contracted the coronavirus, becoming the first country star to go public with such a diagnosis. Diffie's publicist Scott Adkins said the singer died Sunday in Nashville, Tennessee, due to complications from the virus.

Diffie, a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was a member of the Grand Ole Opry for more than 25 years. His hits included "Honky Tonk Attitude," "Prop Me Up Beside the Jukebox (If I Die)," "Bigger Than the Beatles" and "If the Devil Danced (In Empty Pockets)."

"Country music lost one of the good guys today," Naomi Judd said in a statement.

Diffie's mid-90s albums "Honky Tonk Attitude" and "Third Rock From the Sun" went platinum. Eighteen of Diffie's singles landed in the top 10 on the country charts, with five going No. 1. In his 2013 single "1994," Jason Aldean name-checked the '90s country mainstay.

Diffie shared in a Grammy award for best country collaboration for the song "Same Old Train," with Merle Haggard, Marty Stuart and others. His last solo album was 2010's "The Bluegrass Album: Homecoming."

"Joe Diffie, one of our best singers and my buddy, is gone," Tanya Tucker said in a statement. "We are the same age, so it's very scary. I will miss his voice, his laughter, his songs."

"Joe was a real true honky tonk hero to every country artist alive today," singer John Rich said in a statement. "No one sang our music better than he did, and to see his life and artistry cut short is beyond tragic. He was loved, cherished and respected by all of country music and beyond."

Toby Keith extended his condolences to Diffie's family, saying in a statement, "A great traditional voice will live on cuz I'm putting his music on now. Here's a beer to ya, Joe. Go get your reward."

Deanna Carter said she was "shell shocked" by the news and had hoped to perform again with Diffie this year. "He was a powerhouse that stopped people in their tracks, both on and off stage," she said in a statement.

Diffie is survived by his wife, Tara Terpening Diffie, and seven children from four marriages.

Singer-songwriter John Prine in critical condition with COVID-19 symptoms

NEW YORK (AP) — The family of John Prine says the singer-songwriter is critically ill and has been placed on a ventilator while being treated for COVID-19-type symptoms.

A message posted on Prine's Twitter page Sunday said the "Angel from Montgomery" singer has been hospitalized since Thursday and his condition worsened on Saturday.

"This is hard news for us to share," Prine's family added. "But so many of you have loved and supported John over the years, we wanted to let you know, and give you the chance to send on more of that love and support now. And know that we love you, and that John loves you."

Prine's wife and manager Fiona Whelan Prine earlier this month said that she had tested positive for the coronavirus. She said the couple were quarantined and isolated from each other.

The 73-year-old Prine, one of the most influential in folk and country music, has twice fought cancer.

Most recently, he was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2013 and had part of a lung removed. The surgeries affected his voice but Prine continued to make music and to tour. Before the onset of the virus, Prine had shows scheduled in May and a summer tour planned.

COVID-19 is the disease caused by the new coronavirus. As of Sunday, it has killed more than 32,000 people worldwide.

OBITUARIES

Death Notices

Mondo Bortz, 90, of Niles died Sunday, March 29, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Basil "Dirk" Carlisle, 63, of Three Oaks died March 25, 2020, at the Munster Community Hospital in Munster, Ind. Sommerfeld Chapel and Cremation Services, New Buffalo, 469-2233.

Wilburta Devries, 94, of Niles died Sunday, March 29, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

James C. Grannell, 90, formerly of Benton Harbor, died Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Thurston Woods Nursing Home in Sturgis, Mich. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Carol K. Workman, 82, of Niles died Saturday, March 28, 2020, at her home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Rosalie R. Krause

Sept. 14, 1923 - March 27, 2020

Rosalie R. Krause, 96, of St. Joseph, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center following a stroke she had at her daughters home.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at Grace Lutheran Church, 404 Glenlord Road, St. Joseph. Inurnment will follow at Spring Run Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire or Michigan Lutheran Schools. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Rosalie was born on September 14, 1923, to Andrew and Hulda (Schmidt) Nehring in Eau Claire. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School. On Feb. 17, 1945, Rosalie married the love of her life, Lester Krause Sr. in St. Joseph. They lived on Lester's family farm which grew lots of fruits and vegetables such as, apples, grapes, cherries and asparagus.

She enjoyed baking, cooking and canning with all that was raised on the farm. Rosalie worked as an inspector of quality control for Heath/Zenith Company for more than 10 years before her retirement. She enjoyed watching soap operas such as, "Young and the Restless" and "Bold and Beautiful." Most of all, Rosalie loved to spend her time with her friends and family.

Rosalie is survived by her daughter, Anne (Walter) Street of Dowagiac; grandchildren, Lori (John) Sobralski, Michelle (Mike) Sobralski, Vince Krause and Matthew (Nicole) Krause; great-grandchildren, Miranda (David) Bauer, Harlie Hartline and Trevor Krause; step-granddaughter, Alicia Fruedenburg; and daughter-in-law, Ellen Krause of St. Joseph.

Rosalie was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Krause in 1972; daughter, Mary Ann (Alfred) Freudenburg in 2014; son, Lester Krause Jr. in 2016; parents, Andrew and Hulda Nehring; and brothers, Frank, Richard and William Nehring.

Richard L. Wine

June 7, 1944 - March 26, 2020

Richard L. Wine, 75, of Coloma passed away Thursday, March 26, 2020, at the Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

Cremation has taken place and no local services are planned at this time. Memorials may be made to the Hanson Hospice Center and mailed or dropped off at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home, 6548 Paw Paw Ave., Coloma, MI 49038. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Richard was born on June 7, 1944, in Kankakee, Ill., to Ivan and Verna Wine. He worked in the banking industry for 40 years. During that time Richard earned both his brokers license and his appraisers license. At the time of his retirement in 2007, he was a vice president of Citizens National Bank in Cheboygan, Mich. He and his wife, Merye, who were married in 1982, moved to Coloma three years later in 2010.

Richard loved sports. In his youth, he played football, baseball, basketball and ran on the track team. He was an avid University of Michigan fan and followed all their sports teams. He was also a music lover, having been in a drum and bugle corps and later played both the piano and organ in a dance band. Richard had many talents and once took second place in a Chicago talent show.

Richard was loved and will be deeply missed by his wife of 37 years, Merye; his son, Dennis (Nicole) Wine of Rhode Island; his daughters, Misty Wine of Illinois and Sandra Arent and Jennifer Arent, both of St. Joseph; brother, Larry (Glenda) Wine of Connecticut; sister, Vicky Wine of Nevada; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and his beloved dog, Tucker.

Basil 'Dirk' Carlisle

May 15, 1956 - March 25, 2020

Basil "Dirk" Carlisle, 63, of Three Oaks passed away on March 25, 2020, at the Munster Community Hospital in Munster, Ind. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sommerfeld Chapel in New Buffalo, Mich.

Dirk was born on May 15, 1956 in Jackson, Mich., to the late Basil and Sandra (Van-Dassel) Carlisle.

He graduated from Northwest High School in 1974. Dirk worked for the Miller Brewing Co. many years before relocating to Three Oaks in 1989. He was employed by Messer Gases, formerly known as Linde Gasses, for 26 years as a driver and dispatcher. Over the years he won many safety awards and drove over four million miles. Dirk was an animal lover and he and his wife, Robin, rescued many animals, got them healthy, and found them good homes. Dirk was also a Bears and Cubs fan at the insistence of his wife. He enjoyed working in his yard and running his snow blower "Godzilla" in the winter. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Dirk is survived by his wife Robin, whom he married in Three Oaks in 1996; a stepson, Craig Buelow of Three Oaks; sisters, Shelly (Barry) Weeks of Pleasant Lake, Mich., and Jody (Ron) Weeks of Brooklyn, Mich.; brother, Shane Carlisle of Rives Junction, Mich.; nieces, Whitney (Nate) Whitney and Christy Carlisle; nephews, Trevor (Jen) Weeks, Travis Carlisle and Aaron (Carrie) Croci; and great nephews, Wyatt Weeks, twins Titus and Nixon Weeks, and Oak Croci.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Lovers Inc., 18805 S. Schwark Road, Three Oaks, MI 49128, or to the family. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.sommerfeldchaple.com.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago - 1995

Demolition crews began tearing down the Landmark Center at Main and Market streets in St. Joseph this morning. The historic building was a community center and museum operated by the Fort Miami Heritage Society.

The former church building, destroyed by a fire Dec. 28, 1994, was part of the St. Joseph landscape for the last 135 years. The demolition crew is salvaging limestone keystones on some of the window openings, 10-inch thick wooden beams and as much as possible of the Main Street entrance to be incorporated into the new building.

35 years ago - 1985

A story written by Lucy Kubash of Benton Harbor will be published in the April 9 issue of Woman's World magazine. Titled, "Love From the Ruins," the story takes place during a forest fire in Montana. This is the sixth story she's had published in the weekly magazine.

Mrs. Kubash said she has been writing since she was 12, but started submitting stories to magazines four years ago.

50 years ago - 1970

Marcia Zeidman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zeidman of South Haven, has been appointed an assistant attorney general by the State of Illinois. She is assigned to the labor department division in Chicago.

Zeidman is a graduate of L.C. Mohr High School, Lake Michigan College and Western Michigan University. She received her law degree from De Paul Law School in Chicago.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, March 30, the 90th day of 2020. There are 276 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C. hotel by John W. Hinckley, Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.

On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for $7.2 million, a deal ridiculed by critics as "Seward's Folly."

In 1909, the Queensboro Bridge, linking the New York City boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, opened.

In 1923, the Cunard liner RMS Laconia became the first passenger ship to circle the globe as it arrived in New York.

In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for the U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall. The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC.

In 1975, as the Vietnam War neared its end, Communist forces occupied the city of Da Nang.

In 1986, actor James Cagney died at his farm in Stanfordville, New York, at age 86.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Isolated Rain
40°	33°	38° / 30°	44° / 37°	47° / 41°	45° / 37°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 40°, humidity of 75%. West northwest wind 13 to 18 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 33°. West wind 7 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 26°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
Sunset	8:09 p.m.
Moonrise	11:00 a.m.
Moonset	1:25 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
4/1	4/7	4/14	4/22

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	52°
Low	44°
Normal High	52°
Normal Low	33°
Record High	78° in 1998
Record Low	21° in 2011

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	1.97"
Normal for month	2.30"
Year to date	6.89"
Normal Year to date	5.47"

Air Quality

Yesterday 37

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

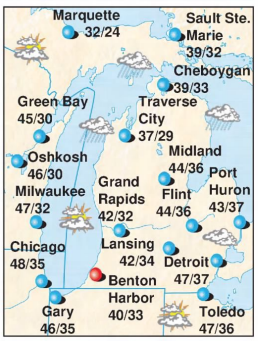
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 ..... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

How many cloud droplets does it take to make a raindrop?

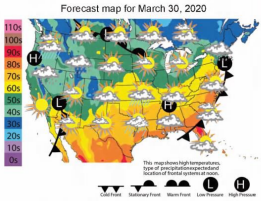
Answer: It takes about one million droplets to provide enough water for one raindrop.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 30, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, WNW wind 15 to 18 kt. A chance of sprinkles. Waves around 6 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, N wind around 11 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 4 to 5 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 30s. Northwest wind 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Tuesday with highs in the 30s and 40s. North northeast wind 7 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s. West northwest wind 13 to 18 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Tuesday with highs in the 40s. East wind 5 to 9 mph.

DETROIT

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Church of God in Christ, according to the church's regional office.

"I thought the world of this dear, generous man," Genesee County prosecutor David Leyton said of Jones.

Smith's family announced his death on Facebook: "What we know about the new coronavirus is that no one is immune to it."

Western Michigan University said Bassey Offiong, a student from Detroit who was poised to graduate, died.

Whitmer Vs. Trump

Whitmer, a Democrat, was asked on NBC's "Meet The Press" about back-and-forth barbs with President Donald Trump, who has referred to her as inept. She said she has repeatedly talked to Vice President Mike Pence about Michigan's needs and has a good relationship with federal agencies.

"We are not one another's enemies. The enemy is the virus. And it is spreading. And it is taking American lives," the governor said.

OUTCENTER

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That's why the OutCenter has pivoted to prioritize making sure LGBT youth are safe in their homes and that LGBT people seeking health services right now can get them.

There are LGBT youth, many of whom are not out, now living in their homes 24/7 with family members who are unsupportive and/or hostile toward them for being their authentic selves, according to Schnell.

She said there is also a potential for discrimination when LGBTQ people are seeking health care services in our area, especially transgender youth and adults who may even have to travel to a bigger city to find a doctor who will treat them.

"These are the reasons why the OutCenter pivoted so quickly last week and went to virtual programs ahead of the curve in our area and even outpaced some centers in New York City," Schnell said.

Members of the LBGT community can now attend drop-in hours, Teen Pride, The Pastor Is In, the League of Extraordinary Genders, and other support groups and events virtually.

The OutCenter's board chair Chris Hathaway said necessity and urgency when lives are at stake are indeed the mother of invention.

"Leveraging our online infrastructure during times like this is evidence of that. Within days we were able to transition our workforce, programs and services virtual. We are here for you because we care, because we should be, and because we can be; even now," Hathaway said.

To find out more about accessing the OutCenter's virtual programs, visit outcenter.org/calendar.

VIOLENCE

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with the courts electronically too, to get restraining orders or whatever else is needed," she said.

The safe shelters will still take in people too.

"Our team can go right out to your home, if your abuser isn't there, and pick you up to take you somewhere safe," Hooker said. "You're not alone and there are still people around to help."

Jonjevic said the Cora Lamping Center is still providing all of its services, but has adjusted how they do some of them.

"We're deep cleaning the shelter daily, giving masks and gloves out to the people staying here and staff, and we're limiting the amount of visitors and staff that come in and out of the shelter," she said.

Jonjevic said the center is in the same tough spot as everyone else right now.

"We have a shortage of gloves and masks," she said. "Diapers for the babies, toiletries and hygiene products are in need currently too. Donations would be appreciated."

All of the center's support services, such as counseling, are now done over the phone or video calls.

"And if someone is in need of immediate help and can't make a phone call because they're around their abuser, we do email, text, however they prefer to keep themselves safe," Jonjevic said. "We're still here for them and still available. We'll even help them find housing if our shelter is full."

Jonjevic said people know their situations better than the staff at the center do, but if you're in doubt, scared or just need some guidance, residents can call the center.

Hooker said when someone calls into the coalition, the first thing she does is access how serious the case is.

"Of course all cases are serious, but if it is an emergency with immediate danger, physical abuse or a threat of physical abuse, we might involve law enforcement," she said.

Hooker said most people who are in an abusive relationship know when their partner is getting to the point of being dangerous.

"Be prepared and be aware of what's going on around you," she said. "If you can diffuse the situation by going on a walk, do it. You can still walk around outside. But if you need to get out, we're still there."

The Van Buren County Domestic Violence Coalition, based in Paw Paw, can be reached at 888-655-9008.

The Cora Lamping Center, in Benton Harbor, can be reached at 269-925-9500, or by email at coral ampingcenter@theavenue.ngo.

Contact: anewman@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter: @HPANewman

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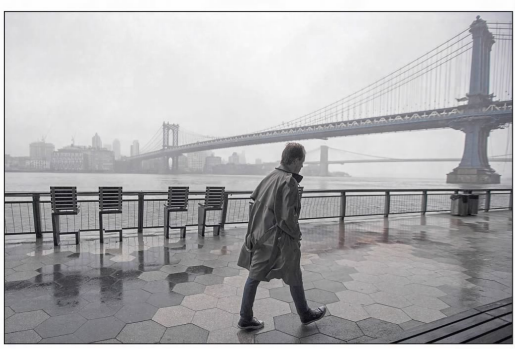

Mary Altaffer / AP

A man walks alone on the promenade under the FDR drive in Lower Manhattan on Sunday.

government to deliver 400 more ventilators to city hospitals and warned that the city will run out of masks, gowns and other hospital supplies in a week if they don't get resupplies.

Since the U.S. saw its first major outbreak of the coronavirus earlier this month – centered at a nursing home in Kirkland, Washington – a stream of facilities have battled infections among residents and staff.

A week ago, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 147 nursing homes in 27 states had patients with COVID-19. The problem has only worsened since.

In Woodbridge, New Jersey, an entire nursing home relocated its residents after two dozen were confirmed infected and the rest were presumed to be. In Louisiana, at least 11 nursing homes, largely in the New Orleans area, have reported cases. In Mount Airy, Maryland, a death linked to the virus was recorded in a home where 66 people were confirmed infected.

Residents' loved ones are being kept away to try to slow the spread of the virus.

"I have a feeling that I very likely may never see my mother again," said James Preller, whose 94-year-old mother, Ann Preller, is a resident at Peconic Landing, a retirement community near Greenport on New York's Long Island where seven have died in the past two weeks.

Brian Lee of Families for Better Care, an advocacy group for those living in long-term care facilities, said in a nursing home, "when we see an outbreak that's uncontrolled, it's practically a death sentence." But he also said the way residents are being walled off from the outside world is as much of a concern as the virus itself.

In New York, the virus is overwhelming some of the city's poorest neighborhoods, with data showing high rates of infection in densely packed areas with big non-English-speaking populations.

Dr. Craig Smith, who heads the surgery department at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, said the hospital will probably be forced into "apocalyptic scenarios" in the coming weeks in which ventilators and intensive care unit beds will need to be rationed.

"Yesterday tried my soul," he wrote in an online posting.

Worry for the poorest was being echoed around the world.

In India, a lockdown covering the country's 1.3 billion people has put untold numbers out of work and left many families struggling to feed themselves. Tens of thousands in New Delhi were forced to flee their homes, with no way to pay the rent, journeying back to their native villages. Women in saris held babies on their hips. Others toted their belongings in bags normally used for cement.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologized for the hardships that the lockdown brought but said, "These tough measures were needed to win this battle."

Though the U.S. leads the world in reported cases, five other countries have higher death tolls: Italy, Spain, China, Iran and France.

Italy reported more than 750 new fatalities Sunday, bringing the country's total to nearly 10,800. But the number of new infections showed signs of easing, with officials expressing cautious optimism that the most severe shutdown in the industrialized West is showing results.

Italy's civil protection agency said more than 5,200 new cases were recorded in the last 24 hours, the lowest number in four days, for a total of almost 98,000 infections.

Spain moved to tighten its lockdown and ban all nonessential work as it hit another daily record of almost 840 dead. The country's overall official toll was more than 6,500.

Spain's health emergencies chief, Fernando Simón, said the number of people in intensive care units keeps rising and hospitals are at their limits in several regions.

"That is why we have to strictly apply the control measures," he said.

Egypt shut its beaches as cases in the Mideast surpassed 50,000. Police in the Philippines stepped up arrests of quarantine violators, and more tourists were evacuated from Mount Everest and the Indonesian island of Bali.

Poland is considering delaying its May 10 presidential election. Russia ordered borders to close on Monday. Moscow all but confined its 12 million residents to their homes, and the head of the Russian Orthodox called on believers to stay away from churches and pray at home instead.

A prominent French politician with the virus died, the country's first death of a senior official.

About 150,000 people have recovered, according to Johns Hopkins.

Trump on Saturday backtracked on a proposal to quarantine New York and neighboring states amid criticism and questions about the legality of such a move. But the CDC issued a travel advisory urging all residents of New York City and others in New York state, New Jersey and Connecticut to avoid all nonessential travel for 14 days.

Shocking as that is, it stopped short of the restrictions imposed in Europe or elsewhere. Parisians are fined if they try to leave the city, South Africans can't buy liquor, and Serbians are upset over a ban on walking their dogs. In Italy, burials are being held with only one family member.

Some U.S. states began to try to limit exposure from visitors from harder-hit areas. Rhode Island National Guard troops went door to door in coastal communities to find New Yorkers. Florida is setting up checkpoints to screen visitors from Louisiana. Texas said it would require drivers from Louisiana to self-isolate for two weeks.